

## Israeli cabinet to meet urgently

TEL AVIV (R) — Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin said Wednesday night he would call a special cabinet meeting soon to consider a draft agreement on withdrawal of foreign forces from Lebanon brought from Beirut by U.S. Secretary of State George Shultz. But Mr. Begin told reporters after meeting Mr. Shultz for about an hour: "We still have important things to decide upon. Not everything is agreed yet." Israeli sources said the cabinet might meet as early as Thursday. Mr. Shultz had arrived here earlier on what U.S. officials said was the "final, crucial stage" of his 10-day-old peace mission. He told reporters before leaving Beirut he still thought agreement was possible by the end of the week. But Lebanese Foreign Minister Eli Salem said it had not yet been achieved.

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## PLO envoy meets Egyptian minister

CAIRO (R) — Egyptian Foreign Minister Kamal Hassan Ali Wednesday discussed the latest Middle East situation with a Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) Executive Committee member, Ahmad Zaki Dajani. A Foreign Ministry spokesman said the two men discussed the current efforts to settle the Lebanese problem, but gave no further details. This was the first announced meeting between a senior Egyptian official and a PLO member since the Palestine National Council meeting in Algiers last February which criticised Egypt's peace efforts and caused an angry reaction in Cairo.

## Iraq offers to free 500 POWs

BAGHDAD (R) — Iraq has offered to release 500 Iranian prisoners of war in exchange for an equal number of Iraqi soldiers held by Iran, the Iraqi News Agency (INA) said Wednesday. The agency quoted an official spokesman as saying Iran had not responded to the offer, made public after the two warring countries exchanged 32 prisoners each through Turkey last weekend.

## Finns to have new government Friday

HELSINKI (R) — Four Finnish parties due to form a new coalition have agreed on a government programme and on their shares of portfolios following recent general elections. Political sources said Wednesday 52-year-old Socialist Democrat Kalevi Sorsa, who heads the caretaker cabinet, would retain the premiership in the new majority government, expected to be appointed by President Mauno Koivisto on Friday.

## Iran to brief Gulf on slick

LONDON (R) — A senior Iranian official left Tehran Wednesday on a Gulf tour to explain his country's "willingness" to cooperate in combatting a giant oil slick that threatens the waterway, Tehran Radio reported. He was carrying messages from Iranian Foreign Minister Ali Akbar Velayati to the foreign ministers of the United Arab Emirates, Saudi Arabia, Qatar and Bahrain, according to the radio, monitored by the British Broadcasting Corporation.

## Pope to visit Canada

OTTAWA (R) — Pope John Paul II will fly to Canada on Sept. 9, 1984 for a 10-day visit, the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops said Wednesday.

## Blasted U.S. embassy 'unfit'

WASHINGTON (R) — American surveyors have decided the U.S. embassy in Beirut was so badly damaged in a bomb blast last month it is unfit for further use, according to State Department spokesman Alan Romberg. More than 50 people, including 17 Americans, died when a bomb in a vehicle exploded outside the embassy on April 18, partially destroying the building.

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## U.S. secretary of state to visit Syria Saturday

# Shultz says Lebanon 'has solid position now'

BEIRUT (R) — U.S. Secretary of State George Shultz, still lacking agreement on Israeli troop withdrawals from Lebanon, said before returning to Israel Wednesday that he planned to visit Damascus on Saturday for talks with Syrian President Hafez Al Assad.

After 13 hours of intensive talks here Tuesday and Wednesday, Mr. Shultz told reporters in Beirut that the Lebanese government had "really extended itself" and that he would now seek the reaction of the Israeli government.

His decision to visit Damascus reflected the key position of Syria in the troop withdrawal process, though initially Mr. Shultz is trying to get a deal for the departure of Israeli troops.

The Israeli troops are in central and southern Lebanon, but Syria has an estimated 40,000 soldiers in the north and east.

Syria has indicated that it would withdraw only if all Israeli forces pull out. The Lebanese government has made it clear that it is heeding the view of its fellow-Arab neighbour.

Israeli officials charged Wednesday that Lebanon was giving Syria a veto over its national policies and urged Beirut to stand up to what they called pressure from Damascus.

The Israeli officials, concerned Syria might sabotage a withdrawal agreement, told a press briefing the biggest problem facing the Shultz mission was that Beirut was

"giving the Syrians the right to interfere."

A senior official, who asked not to be named, said Lebanon demanded other nations respect its sovereignty and independence but gave Syria a veto right over its policies.

The official voiced doubt that Mr. Shultz could clinch a withdrawal agreement this week as the secretary of state hoped.

Lebanese Foreign Minister Elie Salem told reporters in Beirut as he saw Mr. Shultz off Wednesday: "We do not have an agreement, but we have a clear understanding, what we are doing now, we hope will lead to an agreement."

Mr. Salem said the Lebanese government was keeping in close touch with Arab heads of state, keeping them informed.

Mr. Shultz, answering reporters' questions before leaving Beirut, said: "The government of Lebanon has really extended itself in these discussions... we now have a solid position of theirs, so we will present that (to Israel) and see where we go from here.

"But I think it is very desirable to come to a conclusion as rapidly as we can," he added.

## PLO reaffirms rejection of U.S. plan

KUALA LUMPUR (R) — A Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) leader said Wednesday the PLO rejected President Reagan's Middle East peace proposals outright because they ignored the rights of the Palestinians to self-determination and the PLO as the sole representatives of the Palestinian people.

Farouk Kaddoumi, chairman of the PLO's Political Department, told a news conference that Mr. Reagan's offer of self-rule for the West Bank and Gaza Strip in association with Jordan was not an adequate basis for a permanent and just solution to the Palestinian problem.

Mr. Kaddoumi denied reports that the talks between King Hussein and PLO leader Yasser Arafat stalled because PLO radicals wanted him to take a tougher stance.

"He is not willing to put pressure on the Israelis to withdraw from Lebanon," he said.

He said the U.S. wanted King Hussein to go alone for negotiations "but he said the Palestinians and other Arabs should go with him on the basis of the Fez

plan."

He said the deadlock was owing to the Israelis, who obstinately refused to withdraw from occupied territories, and the U.S., which provided them with arms to fight the Palestinians.

He said he was certain U.S. Secretary of State George Shultz's current efforts to negotiate a withdrawal of Israeli forces from Lebanon would fail.

"He is not willing to put pressure on the Israelis to withdraw from Lebanon," he said.

While in Kuala Lumpur Mr. Kaddoumi collected 1.59 million ringgit (\$691,000) in donations to the PLO from the Malaysian public. Most of the money was collected by local newspapers.

## Iran expels 18 Soviets

LONDON (R) — The Iranian Foreign Ministry Wednesday told 18 Soviet diplomats to leave the country within 48 hours, Iran's national news agency IRNA reported.

The agency, monitored in London, said Soviet Ambassador V.K. Boldyrev was summoned to the ministry and told that the diplomats serving at the embassy in Tehran and elsewhere in the country were persona non grata and had to leave.

Tudeh Party dissolved

The expulsion of the diplomats followed an announcement by the revolutionary prosecutor-general

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## China concedes Paris role in Indochina

PEKING (R) — Chinese Premier Zhao Ziyang conceded Wednesday that France had a role to play in Indochina and said it should take advantage of traditional ties to persuade Vietnam to pull its troops out of Kampuchea.

Mr. Zhao was speaking to reporters before beginning talks with French President Francois Mitterrand at which the Kampuchean conflict and sales of French advanced technology topped the agenda.

After two rounds of discussions, the two had an unscheduled meeting Wednesday evening. Mr. Mitterrand had earlier had a one-hour meeting with Communist Party chief Hu Yaobang.

Reliable sources said French and Chinese officials were holding

intense parallel talks in an attempt to reach agreement on a number of technology transfer deals.

These included French participation in building China's first large-scale commercial nuclear power station in Guangdong province near Hong Kong.

Agreement on this appeared to be close. Asked about the chances, Mr. Zhao said he was very optimistic.

The premier's comments on Kampuchea, an issue on which Peking and Paris have recently been at odds, followed a speech Tuesday night by Mr. Mitterrand in which he said France felt a responsibility for Kampuchea and the other Indochinese states it once ruled.

Asked by a reporter if he thought

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His Majesty King Hussein, Prime Minister Mudar Badran (left) and Director General of Public Security Lt.-Gen. Mohammad Idris (fourth from left) look on as the head of sermons at the Ministry of Awqaf and Islamic Affairs, Dr. Ahmad Hilayel, holds the new-born daughter of Their Majesties King Hussein and Queen Noor, Princess Iman, who was formally named in a special ceremony Wednesday (Petra photo).

## New-born princess formally named

AMMAN (Petra) — The newly-born daughter of Their Majesties King Hussein and Queen Noor was formally named Iman (Faith) at a special ceremony held at Al Nadwa Palace Wednesday in the presence of the King.

The head of sermons at the Ministry of Awqaf and Islamic Affairs, Dr. Ahmad Hilayel,

performed the naming ceremony of Princess Iman, which was attended by members of the royal family, Prime Minister Mudar Badran, Royal Court Chief Ahmad Al Lawzi, National Consultative Council Speaker Suleiman Arar.

Chief Chamberlain Prince Ra'd Ibn Zaid, Islamic Chief Justice Sheikh Ibrahim Al Otaani and directors of the Public Security Directorate, General Intelligence Department, the army chief of staff and senior members of the Royal Court.

## New Andropov offer draws mixed reaction in U.S...

WASHINGTON (R) — U.S. Defence Secretary Caspar Weinberger Wednesday welcomed a Soviet proposal to count nuclear warheads as well as missiles in European arms control talks but said it left some problems unresolved.

The idea of agreeing to count warheads is a good thing. We have recommended it for a long time," Mr. Weinberger told a news conference in the first assessment of

medium-range missiles in Europe. The United States and the two European allies are against this.

Mr. Weinberger said another unresolved issue was whether the Soviet Union would destroy any of the three-warhead SS-20 missiles to be withdrawn from the European theatre or simply move them east of the Ural Mountains.

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## Malaysia assails Western media

KUALA LUMPUR (R) — Malaysia, host to a regional conference on Palestinian rights, Wednesday attacked the Western media for what it called hypocrisy and lack of balance in covering the Palestinian problem.

Information Minister Adib Adam told delegates from 40 Asia-Pacific countries that the Western media was "a signal the Russians will now begin to negotiate seriously at Geneva."

But officials rejected Moscow's continued insistence on including the French and British dailies in assessing to include warheads in intermediate-range nuclear missiles in Europe.

Thanks to their devous efforts the image of a Palestinian has become associated with terrorism," Mr. Adib added, in Malaysia's statement on the second day of the five-day conference.

The meeting, sponsored by the United Nations, is the fourth in a

and cautious welcome in West Europe

LONDON (R) — The Western allies Wednesday gave a guarded welcome to a proposal by Soviet leader Yuri Andropov to count the number of warheads, as well as missiles, in talks on curbing medium-range nuclear forces in Europe.

If the British and French forces were taken into account, the Soviet Union would have a monopoly of land-based intermediate nuclear missiles in Europe, he said.

Mr. Blaker said Moscow wanted to include the British and French deterrents—which London and Paris see as independent of NATO and strategic, rather than medium-range—to bolster its claim that parity between Western and Soviet forces already exists.

"That is a claim they cannot possibly sustain," he said.

But Mr. Blaker, like officials in other NATO capitals, welcomed the proposal to include warheads in assessing intermediate-range nuclear missiles in Europe.

The West has been insisting on a count of warheads because Moscow's SS-20 missiles can carry three nuclear charges each.

Officials in Paris reaffirmed France's view that France was not

part of the Geneva talks and that taking French nuclear forces into account there would be unacceptable.

In Bonn, chief government spokesman Dieter Stolze welcomed Moscow's apparent change of stance.

He said Mr. Andropov's speech confirmed West Germany's view that the Soviet Union had not said its last word on President Reagan's March 30 call for an interim agreement on missiles in Europe based on cuts to equal levels.

The Kremlin rejected Mr. Reagan's proposal, accusing him of blocking agreement by seeking to exclude U.S. aircraft in Europe and the British and French nuclear forces and to include Soviet medium-range missiles based in Asia.

Dutch and Belgian Foreign Ministry spokesmen welcomed Mr. Andropov's proposal to include warheads in Brussels still saw a big gap

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## Kenyan daily criticises ties with Israel

NAIROBI (R) — Kenya's best-selling newspaper, the Daily Nation, indirectly criticised the government Wednesday for allowing a tour here of the Bat-Dor dance company of Israel.

Kenya broke diplomatic relations with Israel 10 years ago, but the Israeli presence in the country is stronger than before, particularly in the construction field, informed sources said.

The Daily Nation, which is owned by the Aga Khan, head of the Ismaili Muslim community, and is more critical of Israel than other Kenyan newspapers, wrote:

"There are those who argue that it does not do much for Kenya's image to reject political links with Israel and yet conduct cultural exchanges with the same country. They argue it is incongruous and even hypocritical."

"They argue that as an active member of the Organisation of African Unity (OAU), which Kenya is currently chairing, we should know that cultural exchanges with Israel mean a lot politically."

The Bat-Dor troupe arrives here at the weekend after appearing in Kinshasa, Zaire and is to

pick up the term from history's dustbin and use it?" the newspaper wrote.

Red Cross visits two Israeli prisoners

DAMASCUS (R) — Two Israeli soldiers held by a Palestinian commando group Tuesday received their first visit from the International Red Cross since they were captured in Lebanon last September, a PLO official said.

Lack of information on the two Israelis has been a major obstacle in long-running efforts to secure an exchange of prisoners between Israel and the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO).

Fadi Shrouq, spokesman for the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine-General Command (PFLP-GC), which is holding the two Israelis, told reporters here they were visited by a local Red Cross representative and a doctor Tuesday evening.

The PLO is offering to swap eight Israeli prisoners captured in eastern Lebanon for 1,000 Palestinians held in Israeli jails and more than 5,000 detainees held by Israel in southern Lebanon.

aimed at sounding out prospects for a peace deal with Prime Minister Winston Churchill.

Stem said that Hitler, in an entry headed "the plan" in the special volume, wrote down three alternative responses which he had agreed with Hess depending on the outcome of the flight.

"1) If the mission achieves its aim and Hess is successful, he has operated with my approval. 2) If Hess is arrested as a spy in England, he informed me once of the plan earlier but I rejected it. 3) If his mission fails completely, I will say that Hess was acting in madness," the extracts in Stem said.

The list of alternatives, according to Stem, was written after the failure of the mission, during which Hess parachuted into Scotland, and after Hitler had issued a statement dissociating himself from it.

# HOME NEWS

## Hassan calls for youth mobilisation

AMMAN (Petra) — His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan has suggested that national mobilisation should start with children because Jordan is one of the confrontation states facing Israel.

Prince Hassan was speaking at the opening session of the third Forum Humanum seminar which started Tuesday at the Yarmouk University Liaison Office in Amman.

Prince Hassan was commenting on a working paper entitled "Youth and Social Change" submitted by Dr. Ali Al Zaghaf from the humanities department at Yarmouk University and another on "National Mobilisation and the Role of Young People," presented by Dr. Mamdouh Al Abb-

adi from the National Consultative Council. "For participation to be effective, Jordanian students should also be given more opportunities to serve their nation by conducting scientific research and other useful work," Prince Hassan said.

Prince Hassan then proposed that Forum Humanum adopt four slogans: Faith, Ethics, Knowledge and Work.

In explaining these slogans, Prince Hassan said that faith should embody the spiritual and national



be adopted throughout the nation's various higher institutes of learning and community colleges.

The seminar continued its sessions into Wednesday evening.

## Soviet offer draws mixed reaction

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would not accept such a proposal.

It was like the United States asking to include Soviet long-range missiles at the Geneva talks.

Since the French and British position was well known, the Soviet proposal could be a way for Moscow to deadlock the talks without appearing to be to blame, Mr. Weinberger said.

At the bilateral Geneva talks, the United States first proposed a so-called "zero option" under which NATO would drop plans to deploy 572 Pershing-2 and low-flying cruise missiles in Europe if Moscow agreed to dismantle its comparable weapons, including

new SS-20s and older SS-4s and SS-5s.

The Soviet Union rejected the offer and Mr. Reagan later called for an interim cut on both sides as a step towards total elimination of the Soviet and U.S. medium-range weapons.

Deputy Secretary of State Kenneth Dan Wednesday said he saw little new in the Soviet offer other than the willingness to count warheads.

He told the Senate Appropriations Committee that Moscow was simply trying to prevent deployment of the U.S. Pershing-2 and cruise missiles in Europe beginning late this year

without giving anything up.

Soviet allies meanwhile lauded Mr. Andropov's proposal, described by the Bulgarian news agency BTA as a "just and clear formula" ensuring equal security for the Soviet Union and NATO.

"With this formula Moscow makes the question of an agreement in Geneva still more understandable not only to the governments but also to the peoples," BTA said.

In Budapest, the Hungarian news agency MTI described the proposal as another Soviet move to halt "Euro-escalation" and to achieve equal security at a lower level of missiles and warheads.

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between the two sides' positions. Denis Healey, deputy leader of Britain's Labour Party, said Moscow had made an important change of stand and the West should agree to include the French and British forces in the counting.

NATO Secretary-General Joseph Luns welcomed in principle "anything that can help break the deadlock" at Geneva, his spokesman said. "But this general consideration does not mean that Andropov's shift will have that result."

Though Mr. Andropov did not spell out any arithmetic, NATO diplomats saw his proposal as a

possible sign of Soviet willingness to bring down the number of its SS-20s in Europe from an estimated 240 to fewer than 100.

Since each SS-20 carries three warheads and Moscow estimates the 162 French and British missiles have 290 warheads, his proposal could mean Moscow would not be allowed to deploy more than 97 triple-headed SS-20s, they calculated.

The diplomats said this would be a step forward on the last Soviet offer to pare its missile arsenal to 162, equal to the number held by France and Britain.

But inclusion of aircraft in a limitation accord, as well as land-based missiles, would greatly

and requires drastic measures to put debilitating problem. The Interior Ministry is now mobilising all its resources and exerting all possible efforts to find a means of reducing road accidents in Jordan and to stop rash and reckless driving that invariably causes such tragedies, Mr. Abu Addoub said.

Addressing the ceremony, the Ministry of the Interior's Under-Secretary Hashem Abu Abboud said that annual ceremonies will be held to commemorate the anniversary in view of the great number of casualties that result on the roads.

The volume of road victims greatly exceed those that have fallen in wars, been killed in natural disasters and have died in contagious diseases, he said.

The rate of accidents in Jordan, he added, puts a heavy burden on a society which is still developing,

comparing them with accidents in other countries. "For every 1,000 cars in the developed countries five people are killed in road accidents, while in Jordan the figure jumps to 100 persons for every 1,000 cars," Dr. Sharim said.

Towards the end of the ceremony, Interior Minister Ahmad 'Obeidat distributed special awards to drivers who had not committed any traffic violations between the years of 1979 and 1984, and handed similar awards to a number of those maimed or injured in road accidents in Jordan.

Mr. 'Obeidat also distributed prizes to a number of Public Security personnel in recognition of their remarkable efforts in keeping order on the streets and in controlling traffic within the Amman area. He also honoured a

The ceremony was attended by the Ministers of Culture and Youth, Ma'an Abu Nowar, and Public Works, Awani Al Masi, in addition to the Amman Governor Yahya Al Mousili, and senior officials from the Interior Ministry, the Public Security Department, and the Civil Defence Department.

## Hassan condoles Qusous family

AMMAN (Petra) — His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan Wednesday delegated the director of his office Mr. Raja'i Daqani to convey his condolence to the Qusous family on the death of Musa Qusous.

## Tehran orders out 18 Soviets

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IRNA said the Soviet diplomats to be expelled were accused of interfering in the internal affairs of Iran through establishing contacts and taking advantage of "treacherous and mercenary agents."

The agency said the diplomats included three advisers, four first secretaries, one second secretary, two third secretaries and four attaches, including two colonels and a major.

Also among the expelled diplomats was the Soviet consul at Isfahan in central Iran.

IRNA quoted the Foreign Ministry statement as saying: "this blatant interference is an open violation of diplomatic relations and of internationally-recognised principles, as well as detrimental to healthy relations of coexistence."

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## HOME NEWS

**Jordan to observe Al Isra' Wal Mi'raj**

AMMAN (J.T.) — Jordan, along with all Arab and Islamic nations, will observe Al Isra' Wal Mi'raj, the anniversary of the Prophet Mohammad's nocturnal journey to Jerusalem and his ascension to and return from heaven, Tuesday May 10.

To mark the occasion, all government departments and public institutions will be closed in accordance with an official communiqué issued by the prime minister's office Wednesday.

Also to commemorate the anniversary, the Ministry of Awqaf and Islamic Affairs will hold special ceremonies throughout the country's mosques.

**Malaysia assails media**

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series of preparatory conferences leading to a U.N. international conference on the Palestinian question in Paris in August.

"Let not the moguls who control these media forget that the very people they claim to be the victims of Palestine terrorism are led by persons whose own leaves have been devoted to violence and terrorism..." Mr. Adib said.

The conference, which is being attended by 14 foreign ministers, has taken as its theme "Palestine and World Politics" and will pass on its deliberations to the Paris meeting.

That conference should call on the two superpowers and their allies to work together for the return

**Arab atlas 1st stage completed**

AMMAN (Petra) — A two-day meeting of a special committee engaged in preparing a comprehensive atlas of the Arab World ended at the Yarmouk University Liaison Office Wednesday after reviewing the steps taken in compiling the first and second stages of the project.

The committee, which had been given the brief by the Union of Arab Universities (UAU), apart from preparing the atlas, is also making individual detailed maps for the whole of the Arab region, as well as educational maps for use in schools, according to Dr. Yahya Al Farhan, a committee member and chief editor of the atlas.

The first stage of the project, which involves geological and topographic survey, has already been carried out.



Members of the special committee engaged in preparing a comprehensive atlas of the Arab World hold a meeting at the Yarmouk University Liaison Office Wednesday (Petra photo)

**'Hitler approved Hess flight'**

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Stern said.

It quoted an entry from June 26, 1939, as saying: "Hess sent me a personal note on the England problem. I didn't think that this Hess could think so sharply. This note is very interesting."

On the following day an extract read: "Thought about the note from Hess all night. Absolutely must speak to him about it in private."

He added that the international community had become more aware that the core of the Middle East problem was the denial to the Palestinian people of their inalienable right to establish an independent state.

About 300 delegates are attending the conference, including a strong delegation from the Palestine Liberation Organisation.

ights which he outlined in his note to me, and I expect him for a private talk..."

Stern, while producing several quotes from 1939, gave no further quotes to back up its statement that Hitler knew of Hess's flight in May 1941, at the time it took place.

Stern said that Hitler and Hess finally had their private talk in late July 1939, discussing the technical problems involved in making a secret flight to Britain.

As evidence for this, it quoted an entry of July 22, 1939, as saying: "Have (Luftwaffe chief Hermann) Goering with me again. Made careful enquiries what

Hitler was still thinking about Hess's undisclosed suggestion.

"Hess should develop the tho-

**JTV screens CBS nuclear arms debate Friday**

AMMAN (J.T.) — Jordanian Television is to screen an American programme on the nuclear arms race this Friday.

The programme, which is a Columbia Broadcasting Service (CBS) production, is entitled "The Great Nuclear Arms Debate".

The debate to be chaired by Walter Cronkite, and will be aired on Friday evening between 8:30

10:30 p.m.

**Danish firm to assist in vocational training**

AMMAN (J.T.) — The Danish International Engineering Firm "Dan Group" is to help the Ministry of Education to carry out vocational training programmes, in accordance with an agreement worth just under \$500,000 signed here Wednesday.

Under the agreement, the Danish firm will dispatch three specialists in the vocational field to work at the industrial school at Mafrag for 20 months to help improve the skills and potentials of

In addition, eight Jordanian instructors will be sent on a four month course to Denmark to receive supplementary tuition in preparation for a new training programme to be drawn up by the "Dan Group" in the presence of the EEC representative in Amman.

The European Economic Community (EEC) which will finance the training project, has previously paid for the construction of the Mafrag industrial school as well as fully furnishing it and supplying it with its machinery. The industrial school was opened for training in 1980.

Wednesday's agreement was signed by the Ministry of Education's secretary-general Dr. Abdul Latif Arabyah and a representative from the "Dan Group" in the presence of the EEC representative in Amman.

**Students stage powerful play**

AMMAN (Petra) — A total of 145 Jordanian traders have been fined by the military court JD 40 each for violating Ministry of Supply regulations.

Another 35 merchants have been fined JD 35 each for similar offences and 23 more were fined JD 30 also for violating regulations.

Other sentences included a fine of JD 70 imposed on three other merchants, JD 200 for nine merchants, while another merchant will pay JD 150 for similar offences.

All sentences were endorsed by the military governor Wednesday.

**Court fines more traders**

AMMAN (Petra) — The Royal Cultural Centre and Yarmouk University are sponsoring two performances by the Yarmouk University Theatre Section, of "The Brig" by Kenneth H. Brown to be performed at the Royal Cultural Centre today, and Friday.

This powerful play, which has just been performed at Yarmouk University to considerable acclaim, is being mounted by 2nd and 3rd year students of the Theatre Section of the Department of Fine Arts.

The play is set in "The Brig", a U.S. Marine Corps short term prison, and involves the interplay of prisoners both with each other and with the prison officers who are all caught within the context and confines of "The Brig". The play, at times stark at times funny but at all times moving, promises an exciting and stimulating evening at the theatre.

Iraq, Kuwait, the United Arab Emirates, Qatar, Oman, North Yemen and Bahrain.

Participants will discuss a number of working papers that focus on the teaching skills necessary to employ mass media to help educate students, and how they can best be developed.

Jordan is to be represented at the seminar by a number of specialists from the ministries of Education and Information, as well as the University of Jordan and Yarmouk University.

**Mass media seminar to begin**

AMMAN (J.T.) — A 10-day regional seminar on the influence of the mass communications media on the educational process in the Arab World will be opened at the Yarmouk University's Liaison Office Saturday.

The seminar, which is organised

by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO) in cooperation with the Ministry of Education will be attended by specialists from Jordan, Morocco, Algeria, Tunisia, Sudan, Syria,

**Italy dissolves parliament**

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Earlier Wednesday, Mr. Morlino ended a last-ditch attempt to see if elections could be avoided, but was unable to break the political deadlock.

In the last elections, held in 1979, the Christian Democrats won 38 per cent of the vote, the Communists 30 per cent and the Socialists just under 10 per cent. The rest went to smaller parties.

This is the fourth time parliament has been dissolved ahead of its five-year term since the foundation of the republic after World War II, and the second time that Mr. Pertini has decided on an early poll.

He dissolved parliament in April 1979, two years ahead of its full term, after the collapse of the fourth government of former Prime Minister Giulio Andreotti.

Because Socialist support is effectively necessary to give a working majority to any government coalition which excludes the Communist Party, the Socialists' decision to press for an early poll made any other move difficult for Mr. Pertini Wednesday.

Socialist leader Bettino Craxi had said repeatedly that the political situation needed to be clarified.

**China concedes French role**

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One source said too much should not be read into the premier's words. "I think Zhao was saying: 'Okay, you have privileged ties with Hanoi, now use them to further our common goal of getting the troops out.'"

There has, in fact, been no sign that China accepts France's argument for resuming humanitarian and financial aid to Hanoi that this could speed a military withdrawal from Kampuchea and lessen Vietnam's economic dependence on Moscow.

Mr. Zhao told French Television this week: "China's exp-

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## War for more

THAT renegade Lebanese army Major Sa'ad Haddad be rewarded with a "leadership role" for his betrayal of the Lebanese government and people, and for his bloody services to the Israelis over a number of years, is an unacceptable condition not only to all Arabs but to the Lebanese themselves.

That Israel wins a trade agreement with Beirut as a result of the Israeli army's invasion of Lebanon last summer, in which thousands of Lebanese and Palestinians were killed and massacred, is unacceptable not only to the Arabs and the Lebanese but to the international community as a whole.

That the Begin government insists on Israeli soldiers patrolling Lebanese territory, whether jointly with units of the Lebanese army or otherwise, is like attempting an armed robbery in broad daylight, and the Israeli demand should therefore be rejected and condemned by each and every one of us.

To accept the principle of terminating a state of war between Israel and the Lebanese state, that did not practically exist in the first place, through war and more bloodshed is a new evidence that the world we live in still tolerates hegemony; and that must not be allowed to be the case under any circumstances.

What the Israelis are trying to do in negotiations with the Lebanese and Americans these days is no secret. They want to achieve political gains from their occupation of Lebanon, and they do not care if the whole world is witness to their blackmail.

But if this is typical of the Israeli war mentality and tactics, the Lebanese could not, and should not, be expected to pay an extra price for 500 Israeli soldiers killed in Lebanon. The price the Lebanese, the Palestinians and the Arabs have paid already for the Lebanon and the rest of Israel's wars should be enough for the whole world to curb Israel, and enough for us to stand firm against Israel's incessant onslaughts.

## ARABIC PRESS EDITORIALS

### Al Ra'i: Tour embodies national cohesion

KING Hussein's tour of the Jordan Valley region Tuesday emphasises the proportions of the development process now going on in Jordan, and also reflects the concern and enthusiasm of the country's leadership to improve the living conditions of the people.

The tour presented a true picture of cohesion between leader and people to promote the country's economic and social development. No doubt this tour, which coincided with the 30th anniversary of King Hussein's assumption of his constitutional powers, gave another strong boost to the development processes in this country.

King Hussein's Jordan Valley tour and his inauguration of many projects there served also as an indicator as to the ongoing process of construction and development there despite the many challenges and dangers. This therefore portrays a manifestation of the leadership's determination to build up a strong, united nation where all people can benefit from the country's resources and wealth.

### Al Dustour: Realisation of a dream

JORDANIANS take pride in the success of the Jordan Valley because the tremendous achievements in the social and economic life there were realised in a relatively short time.

Life, blooming in the previously semi-arid region, is a realisation of King Hussein's dream. In 1973 King Hussein urged his countrymen to build up and develop the Jordan Valley; and to realise a such progress there in only 10 years is indeed exemplary. Furthermore, the development of the land and the improvement of the social and economic status of its people re-emphasises the nation's determination to cling to the homeland and its soil. This is very important since our struggle is not against an ordinary enemy, but one who challenges our right to our land with its colonialist ideology.

Developing the Jordan Valley and inaugurating new projects there are bound to increase food production; something which is designed to help us achieve food self-sufficiency and enhance our independence and national sovereignty. The development of our land and its resources is a means of bolstering our political, economic, cultural and social standards and of enabling us to confront the various challenges facing our country.

### Sawt Al Shaab: Valley's remarkable progress

BY implementing two consecutive five-year development plans in the Jordan Valley, the government has made remarkable progress towards improving the area's economic and social levels. The projects executed there not only included basic services like the supply of water, health and education but also included electricity and the development of artesian water sources, all with the result that every part of the valley is now blooming and increasing its agricultural output. The development of the Jordan Valley went on side by side with the construction of factories and the establishment of major mining and other schemes elsewhere in the country.

The development of the Jordan Valley region, which is Jordan's front line facing the enemy, is a true manifestation of cohesion between the country's economic, military and social sectors which go hand in hand in the face of all challenges. Strengthening the Jordan Valley economically and socially means strengthening the country as a whole and helping the country to repel the dangers that threaten the whole Arab Nation.

# Thatcher seems set to win forthcoming elections

By Barry May  
Reuter

LONDON — Margaret Thatcher completes her first four years as prime minister of Britain this week, politically strong as ever and seemingly assured of prevailing over her opponents in the general election she could set for next month.

Thatcher, the first woman to be elected prime minister of a European country, assumed power on May 4, 1979.

The previous day's general election had ended with the defeat of the Labour Party, in office since 1974, and brought in a right-wing Conservative administration committed to reversing the directions set under Socialism.

Now the former chemist and barrister (advocate) from a provincial, middle class background finds herself the longest-serving head of government in Western Europe.

Her presidential-style of leadership dominates her party, her cabinet and the broader political landscape in a way unmatched by any British prime minister for many years.

A leader of strong will, who

exhorts the Victorian values of hard work, thrift, self-reliance and national pride, she has shifted the focus of British politics from the left to the right.

The leader of the Labour opposition, Michael Foot, calls her the very symbol of modern conservatism, a label few of her admirers would deny.

The "Iron lady", the name given her by the Soviet Union, is a badge Thatcher wears with pride.

She believes that during her tenure at 10 Downing Street she has forced the world to reconsider the way it regards Britain.

Last year's military campaign against Argentine forces in the disputed Falkland Islands symbolised the halt in Britain's post-World War II decline, Thatcher has said.

"We have ceased to be a nation in retreat. Britain has found herself again in the South Atlantic and will not look from the victory she has won," the prime minister declared at the time.

Her personal authority as a forceful leader has been a major factor contributing to her party's popularity during a period of economic hardship for many people.

Any party in power four years would normally expect to be strug-

gling in the public opinion polls. But for the Falklands War, that might have been the story of the Thatcher government.

Until the crisis erupted just over a year ago, Thatcher was described as the most unpopular British prime minister since opinion polls began and her party looked like losing the next elections.

Now the Conservatives are firmly in the lead, with margins that vary from six to 12 percentage points.

The odds bookmakers quote on her re-election scarcely make a wager worthwhile.

So confident is she of victory that she speaks not of two terms as prime minister, but three or more.

Thatcher's government was elected on a platform of tax cuts, curbs on the power of trade unions and reduced state intervention in the economy.

Her single-minded determination to concentrate her economic policy on fighting inflation has achieved the primary result she desired.

Inflation more than doubled during Thatcher's first 12 months of office, rising to 21.9 per cent by May 1980 from 10.3 per cent when she was elected.

Now the annual figure is 4.6 and

the government forecasts it will slow to four per cent next month — possibly the last set of price statistics before the election that many politicians expect in June.

Some, including members of Thatcher's cabinet, still think next October would be better time to seek a fresh, five-year mandate.

British elections are customarily held on Thursdays, so why not October 13, Thatcher's 58th birthday, they ask.

As Britain begins to emerge from the recession, inflation has fallen below the annual rate of increase in earnings and is lower than at any time since 1968.

But the side-effect of the Thatcher government's tight control on the money supply has been bankruptcy for thousands of companies and record unemployment, her critics say.

Even her admirers admit Thatcher's fiscal and economic policies have had a painful impact on millions of Britons.

Public opinion polls show most voters, Conservatives included, identify unemployment as the overriding issue in the election that Thatcher is required to call by May 1984.

More than a third of the three

million people out of work have been jobless for a year or longer. More than a million of the total unemployed are aged under 25.

Most of those in work are worse off, in real financial terms, than they were when Thatcher was elected, according to the government's own statistics.

They show she has failed to deliver on her main 1979 election pledge to cut income tax at all levels.

Thatcher's Chancellor of the Exchequer (Finance Minister), Sir Geoffrey Howe, described tax cuts as the keystone of the government's economic policy in his first budget when he reduced the standard rate of income tax to 30 per cent from 33 per cent.

But since then personal exemptions from tax have shrunk in real terms and National Insurance (Social Security) contributions have grown.

According to government figures the total tax burden for the average family of two adults and two children on current average earnings of 172 sterling (\$270) a week has increased by seven per cent — an extra 3.52 sterling (\$5.52).

Only families earning more than 568 sterling (\$892) a week —

more than three times the national average — are paying less in direct taxes than they were in 1979.

Thatcher herself admits the past four years have been a "hard slog", as she put it in a recent magazine interview. She held out no hope of improvement in the unemployment figures this year.

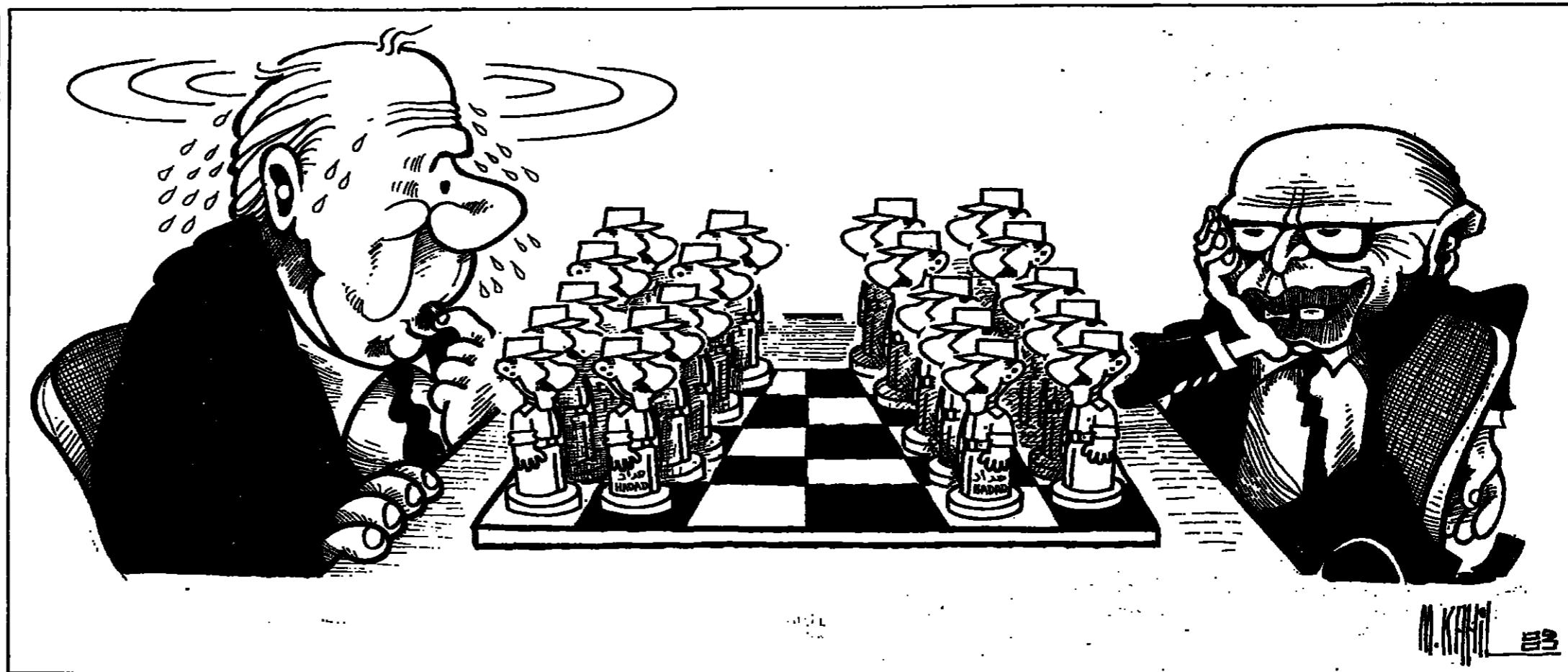
Unemployment was the last of the problems to respond to emergency from the recession, she said.

In a Conservative Party tract one of her cabinet ministers, Transport Secretary David Howell, goes so far as to say full employment is a thing of the past.

Since the resignation of her first Foreign Secretary, Lord Carrington, over the Falklands crisis, Thatcher has taken an increasing interest in Britain's relationships with other countries.

Despite differences with the Reagan administration over trade, she is a staunch ally of the United States and supports most of the president's foreign and defence initiatives.

And although she is engaged in a running battle over budget contributions with Britain's nine partners in the European Community, she is convinced Britain's place is as part of that community.



## French agriculture minister tops popularity list

By Roger May  
Reuter

PARIS — At a time when most of France's Socialist ministers are suffering a decline in public esteem, one government member continues to achieve the seemingly impossible — popularity with both industrialists and workers.

Michael Rocard, from the right-wing of the Socialist Party, has consistently topped opinion polls on ministerial performance since the current left-wing administration came to power in May 1981, ending 23 years of conservative rule.

Named agriculture minister only last month following a major cabinet reshuffle, Rocard's political fortunes could soar if he succeeds in his new job, according to political commentators. But they caution that failure in a position which can make or break a French politician's career could signal the end of Rocard's reported presidential ambitions. For the 52-year-old economist has few influential supporters in the faction-ridden Socialist Party, while incumbent head-of-state Francois Mitterrand is said not to have for-

given him for declaring his candidacy for the 1981 presidential election before Mitterrand.

Even right-wing Socialists feel Rocard has been too overtly ambiguous in his policies.

But his political stature is growing during a period when the French government is pursuing economic policies of which hard-nosed monetarist administrations would be proud. A first year of heady inflation and an accompanying boom in consumer spending, leading to three devaluations of the French franc and to a soaring national debt and trade deficit, has been replaced by measures of retrenchment aimed at curbing inflation and reducing the trade imbalance.

The switch, now strongly backed by Mitterrand and Prime Minister Pierre Mauroy, has increased the standing of Rocard and of other right-wing government members, such as Finance Minister Jacques Delors, the commentators say.

For Rocard has for several years been arguing France was living above its means and that it had to reduce public spending and increase productivity if it were to compete effectively with its trading partners.

Administration.

Born in the town of Courbevoie near Paris and married with four children, he is a member of France's small but socially important protestant minority. He served in the finance ministry in the late 1950s and early 1960s before turning to full-time politics.

Rocard first gained national prominence in 1969 when he ran unsuccessfully for president as candidate for the small, far-left-wing Unified Socialist Party (PSU).

He joined the Socialist Party in 1974 and, as parliamentary member for the Paris Yvelines constituency, has long since disavowed most of his earlier radical views.

Rocard is also mayor of the Yvelines town of Conflans-Sainte-Honorine, where success in setting up vocational training schemes for the young and a cheap local transport system has added to his stature.

Combining mayoral and constituency duties with frequent visits to the provinces, his stamina astounds his aides.

But his main hope of becoming

prime minister or of being chosen as presidential candidate in the scheduled 1988 election rests on success as farm minister, the commentators say. They note in particular how Jacques Chirac, now leader of the neo-Gaullist party and currently the right's best-placed candidate for the presidency in 1988, used the agriculture portfolio as a springboard to become prime minister in 1974.

Rocard has certainly got off to a flying start in his goal of establishing good relations with France's influential farm lobby. In his first major speech as agriculture minister last week, Rocard won over the mainly conservative delegates of the country's biggest agricultural grouping, the FNSEA or National Federation of Farmers' Unions, with a performance hailed by the French press as masterful.

Relations between the FNSEA and Rocard's predecessor, Edith Cresson, had been strained.

But Rocard, a gifted orator, disarmed the delegates with promises to maintain their purchasing power.

this year and to coordinate closely with them on all French agricultural affairs.

He also promised to dismantle European Community monetary compensation amounts (MCA's) — an esoteric system of common market agricultural levies and subsidies likely to tax even Rocard's formidable intellect. The farmers say the MCA system is hitting their competitiveness and have made the issue a sticking point in Luxembourg talks on fixing 1983/84 community prices.

Success in placating the farmers on the MCA and other questions could be enough to propel Rocard to higher status, according to the commentators. But the youthful-looking minister is keeping his future political intentions to himself. Asked in a recent magazine interview whether he would stand in 1988, Rocard said: "nothing will be decided before the end of 1986 or beginning of 1987... the solution acceptable to the French will depend on (the government's) response over the next three or four years".

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# Deaf children break through isolation in Salt

By David Ward

The conversation stopped in mid-sentence. The air vibrated as a low-flying jet fighter screamed over the school.

The visitors looked at one another. But the children in the school heard nothing. All of them are deaf, or have seriously impaired hearing. Most of them are Palestinian refugees. The school at Salt, near Amman, Jordan is known officially as the Holy Land Institute for the Deaf.

The title "institute" belies the odd mixture of buildings which it comprises. Visitors arrive through a gateway which leads into an open area of steam-rollered masonry built more than 50 years ago.

A new kitchen/dining room and storeroom building was also recently completed.

The director of the institute is Brother Andrew L. de Carpenter, a tall bearded man dressed in the

black and white cassock of his brotherhood, the Christian Deaf Community. He has spent more than five years in Lebanon and Jordan.

The institute was founded in 1964 as the first of its kind in Jordan. It had 36 pupils.

UNRWA is closely involved with the institute. Of the 81 places for deaf youngsters today, 65 pupils are placed by the agency, 60 on a fee-paying basis and five free of charge. Brother Andrew admits that his school can handle only a small proportion of those who need help. "We are touching the tip of the iceberg," he says.

There are no accurate statistics on the deaf in Jordan. Based on the average world figure of 0.2 per cent incidence, it is estimated that there are some 3,000 deaf children under the age of 15, and about 3,500 over 15, but the real total is probably much higher.

Almost any illness which leads to high fever can, if untreated, cause damage to the hearing. Meningitis is common, rubella (German measles) is becoming less so. There are also problems associated with living in remote areas, a fear of doctors, and reliance on old and sometimes ineffective local customs for treating sickness.

Brother Andrew considers that special schools for the deaf in Jordan there are eight who cannot be found places.

About half of the children at the institute were born deaf. Sometimes their handicap is hereditary, sometimes it has been caused by inadequate medical care or over-medication of pregnant women. The incidence of hereditary deafness is aggravated by inter-marriage.



Classrooms are fitted with sound amplifiers and headphones to aid individual and group teaching

Brother Andrew considers that for every child accepted by the five



Children at the institute learn basic communication skills

lip reading. Sign language is also used but not officially taught.

The second aim is to teach the older children self-reliance. "When they leave we don't want them to feel they are at the bottom rung of the ladder, which is why we have started a vocational training programme which will help develop skills in particular trades.

When they leave at 16 to 17 they can sell their skills as craftsmen, and have some pride in what they can achieve. This extra self-respect, compared with others of the same age who are not handicapped, helps to reduce the disadvantages which come from being deaf.

For the best results, deaf children need an early start at the school. Ideally, says Brother Andrew, they should begin at the age of two or three. For beginners above the age of six, significant progress becomes difficult.

The school has two trained teachers and a scheme for in-service training. The classes are divided into groups of up to 10 pupils each.

In 1978, six classrooms were fitted with sound amplifiers which, with the use of headphones, aid individual and group teaching.

The walls of the prefabricated buildings are so thin that the amplified sound can be heard throughout the school.

Once a basic knowledge of Arabic and English is obtained, the pupils follow the normal Jordanian government syllabus, with the addition of domestic chores to give a sense of social responsibility and awareness. There are also shared activities such as outings with other schools, to break through the isolation imposed by hearing difficulties.

The scope for future development is enormous. Brother Andrew hopes to reduce the starting age to two or three years of age (now five or six) with counselling for parents. At the same time a special course is needed for late starters.

During the seventh year of the elementary school the students follow a part-time pre-vocational training programme. A first attempt was made in 1976 on a full vocational training course for 8th and 9th grades, with shoe repairing, carpentry and hairdressing for men, but this was discontinued for lack of space.

In 1978, the project was re-examined and it was decided to provide training in metalwork, car servicing, and car body repair work, which began a year later.

Identically a social worker will be recruited to the staff to expand the existing limited interviewing, counselling and follow-up work with parents.

"God will provide"

Brother Andrew and his staff tried to gauge the success of their work by three years ago, setting up a clubhouse for the deaf.

"I think they have done well," he says. "The key word here is integration... which is what education and training of the deaf is all about. And there is no doubt that those who have been here have done better than those who have had no training at all. So it is certainly worth our while."

Basic funds for the institute come from UNRWA and the rest comes mainly from private contributions. Thus none of the backlog is guaranteed.

Brother Andrew admits the future is uncertain. There is a group of people in Holland and Switzerland in an organisation known as Allah Kariem (God knows) and he says, "That will continue."

"But," he adds, "we rely a lot on the goodwill of people interested in this field of special education to help us, to expand the programme... and to be very frank, if there were no such people around, both in Jordan and especially in Europe, then we would close down."

-- Palestine Refugees Today (UNRWA)

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23:00 ..... News in Arabic

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16:40 ..... Popeye

16:50 ..... Programme on Sports & Space

17:10 ..... Religious Programme

17:35 ..... Target, The Impossible

18:20 ..... Local Play

18:20 ..... Soccer

18:30 ..... Harper Valley

18:30 ..... Hawaii Five-0

18:40 ..... Chris Holmes

19:30 ..... Religious Programme

20:00 ..... News in Arabic

20:30 ..... Arabic Series

21:30 ..... Local Variety Programme

22:00 ..... News in Arabic

23:00 ..... News in Arabic

FOREIGN CHANNEL

18:00 French Programme (feature film)

19:30 ..... News in French

20:30 ..... News in Hebrew

20:30 ..... Tales of the Unexpected

21:10 ..... Number One

22:00 ..... News in English

22:00 ..... Falcon Crest

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## WHAT'S GOING ON

### TODAY'S EVENTS

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"Contemporary Jordanian Painters" at the Spanish Cultural Centre.

#### PLAY

Yarmouk University Theatre Section will be presenting "The Brig" by Kenneth Tynan at the Royal Cultural Centre at 8:00 p.m. on Thursday and Friday.

#### HOLY COMMUNION

The Rev. Hinkler will be conducting a Holy Communion (German and Arabic) at 5:00 p.m. on Good Friday, May 6, 1983 at the Schneider School Church.

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Church of the Annunciation (Roman Catholic) Jabal Lubieh, 37440.  
De Salle Church (Roman Catholic) Jabal Hussein, 66157.

Church of the Annunciation (Greek Orthodox) Abdali, 23541.

Anglican Church (Church of the Redeemer) Jabal Amman, 43453.

Armenian Catholic Church Ashrafieh, 71331.

Assumption Orthodox Church Ashrafieh, 71261.

St. Pauline Church (Syrian Orthodox) Ashrafieh, 71751.

Orthodox Church (Greek Orthodox) Amman, 66157.

Orthodox Church (Greek Orthodox) in Summamari, 663249.

CULTURAL CENTRES

Royal Cultural Centre Tel. 6610267

American Cultural Center Tel. 347-8

French Cultural Centre 37009

Goethe Institute 41993

Soviet Cultural Centre 44203

Spanish Cultural Centre 24049

Turkish Cultural Centre 39775

Haya Arts Centre 665195

Hussein Youth City 667181

Y.W.M.A. 664251

Amman Municipal Library 361111

University of Jordan Library 843555

### MUSEUMS

Folklore Museum: Jewelry and costumes over 100 years old. Also mosaics from Madaba and Jerash (4th to 18th centuries). The Roman Theatre, Amman. Opening hours: 9:00 a.m. - 5 p.m. Tel. 51767.

Jordan Archaeological Museum: Has an excellent collection of the antiquities of Jordan. Jabal Al Qala (Chapel Hill). Opening hours: 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. ( Fridays and public holidays 10 a.m. - 4:00

## SPORTS

### China's Jian favourite to claim world badminton title

COPENHAGEN (R) — Second-seeded Han Jian of China staked his claim for serious consideration at the World Badminton Championship Tuesday by blitzing Darren McDonald of Australia 15-5, 15-1 in his opening match.

The 26-year-old Chinese, who skipped the All-England Championships in London five weeks ago to prepare for this event, showed just why many here regard him as a prime candidate to take the men's singles title.

Han, who won both his singles matches to help China lift the Thomas Cup men's team title from Indonesia in London a year ago, showed he has lost none of the speed and flair which make him such a formidable opponent.

His victory came on a day when the International Badminton Fed-

eration (IBF) announced major changes to the Thomas and Uber Cup men's and women's team events.

From next year they will be combined with the finals played simultaneously at the same venue, still to be decided, and the nine-match format will be reduced to five matches—three singles and two doubles—in each round.

The two events will also hold their finals every two years, instead of every three. The World Championships, which have also been held every three years since their inception in 1977, will in future also be staged every two years, the next one in 1985.

While Han was winning comfortably, another seed, joint number five Misbun Sidek of Malaysia, encountered considerable dif-

ficulty from an unexpected source. He found himself trailing in both games before he could finally subdue Nigerian qualifier Samson Egbejem 15-8, 15-8.

The Nigerians are one of the minnows taking on the bigger badminton fish this week but Egbejem, 26, refused to be baited by the situation.

He led 4-0 and 6-4 in the games. "I was not surprised to be leading because I had made up my mind to give him a tough match," he said later.

"I fell afterwards I had done poorly because I started each game so well and should have finished better. But I loved being out there and the crowd gave me a lot of encouragement."

Misbun's experience ultimately carried him through.

### Mikkola the man to beat in Corsican motor rally

AJACCIO, Corsica (R) — Finland's Hannu Mikkola has the chance to distance himself from his main rivals in the World Championship battle in the Corsica motor rally which begins Thursday.

Mikkola, who drives an Audi Quattro, already boasts a healthy lead in the championship table after four events. He has 65 points, 28 more than second-placed Vatanen.

The team battle will almost certainly be between Lancia and Audi. The Italian factory is pitting its specially-developed Lancia rally against the formidable four-wheel drive Audi Quattros.

The official Lancia team is Roehrl, Jean-Claud Andruet of

Vatanen. Lancia driver Roehrl is third in the world standings with 32 points behind Vatanen—winner of the safari event—with 34.

A total of 180 cars will roar away from the place d'Austerlitz in Ajaccio in the morning on the first stage of the 1,720 km rally over some of the toughest roads in Europe.

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Audi are fielding their usual team of Mikkola, Mounou, and Austria's Frank Wittmann.

Andruet said the hardest part of

the course would be at the start of the second stage.

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### S.African boxing show scrapped

JOHANNESBURG (R) — The six-million dollar double world title boxing bill which was to have been staged at a casino hotel complex in South Africa have been cancelled, the promoters said Tuesday.

Local hotel magnate Sol Kerzner and American promoter Bob Arum have spent several days attempting to salvage the double bill, which was to have included a concert by Frank Sinatra, following a

sparring partner broke Mancini's collar bone, Kerzner and Arum attempted to sign up middleweight champion Marvin Hagler in a title defence.

But a disappointed Kerzner told a press conference: "It was impossible to put together a substitute promotion."

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## ECONOMY

## Government intervenes in Sotheby's takeover bid

LONDON (R) — A bid by two self-made American millionaires to take over the London-based international auction house of Sotheby Parke-Bernet was temporarily blocked Wednesday by the British government.

Sotheby's, which has sold everything from art masterpieces to a bra belonging to Marilyn Monroe, has been bitterly opposing the bid by U.S. businessmen Stephen Swid and Marshall Cogan.

Sotheby's executives complained that the two Americans who made their fortunes trading stocks and now own companies making furniture and furnishings, were "the wrong people."

There was relief at Sotheby's Wednesday when trade secretary Lord Cockfield intervened, referring the £61 million (\$96 million) takeover bid to the monopolies commission.

The American bid now lapses to await the findings of the monopolies commission, which has six months to report whether the proposed takeover would be against public interest.

Sotheby's shares plunged on the news way below the takeover price of £5.20 (\$8.05), wiping nearly \$10 million (\$15.7 million) off the total market value.

The shares, which perked up Tuesday on news of a possible rival bid from an undisclosed U.S. company, fell £0.85 (\$1.33) to £4.40 (\$6.90).

A trade department spokesman said Lord Cockfield did not see competition as an issue but felt that in view of the public interest, the proposed takeover should be closely examined.

Art experts said one of the issues would be if the London art trade, with its valuable foreign currency earnings, could be damaged by a Swid-Cogan takeover. They said the issue would not be American ownership as such.

Merchant bankers Morgan Grenfell, advisers to Swid and Cogan, said the Americans had not yet decided whether to abandon their bid or argue their case before the commission. They regretted that the ensuing uncertainty could only be damaging to Sotheby's and the London art market.

Swid and Cogan have built up a 29.8 per cent stake in Sotheby's, which has interests in five continents and owns the Parke-Bernet gallery in New York.

They stepped in after Sotheby's last year lost money for the first time in its 270-year history and was overtaken in sales on the London art market by arch rival Christie's. The directors say the company will return to profitability in 1983.

## GMC, Isuzu to build car complex in Egypt

OCTOBER 6TH CITY, Egypt (R) — Senior executives of General Motors Corporation (GMC) and Japan's Isuzu Company, together with private investors, Tuesday approved construction of a vehicle manufacturing complex in this infant city in the western desert.

The plant, some 40 kilometres southwest of Cairo, is scheduled to produce 18,000 vehicles a year from the spring of 1985 and provide employment for 1,200 people.

The complex was declared underway in an official ceremony after what a GMC official said had been a six-year struggle with Egypt's investment authorities.

The product programme will include Isuzu light and medium duty trucks up to the 10-tonne range and Isuzu buses.

The plant is also expected to assist and improve the local motor industry by purchasing locally-made parts.

Mr. James Waters, GMC's vice-president, said General Motors holds 31 per cent of the \$20 million equity, with Isuzu holding 20 per cent and the remaining 49 per cent held by Egyptian, Kuwaiti and Saudi investors.

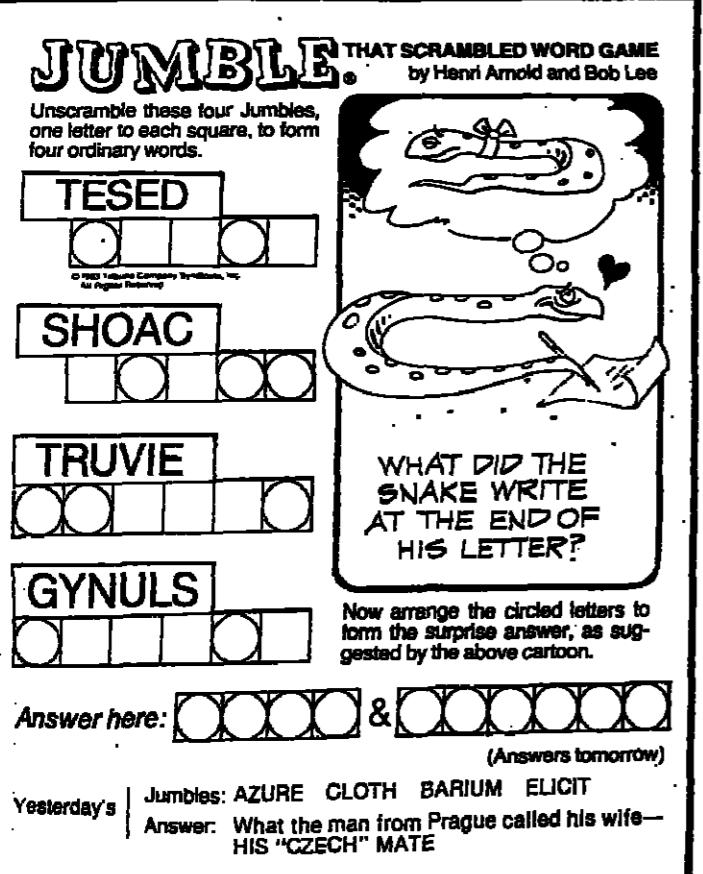
Egypt, which has a growing demand for vehicles, has only one local car assembly factory, Nasr Automotive Manufacturing Company (Nasco).

In 1981, state-owned Nasco produced 17,500 passenger cars, tractors and trucks. Vehicle imports in the same year were running at more than 32,000 vehicles.

In Tuesday's ceremony, Egyptian minister of investment Mr. Wagih Shindi said the new car complex would bring the country more foreign exchange and help cut back on vehicle imports.

Foreign and local investors have been constantly complaining about the slow pace of procedures to get projects underway.

## THE BETTER HALF. By Harris



## NEWS IN BRIEF

## Tokyo stock market retreats

TOKYO (R) — Share prices suffered a major setback in Tokyo Wednesday, with investors discouraged by Monday's sharp decline on Wall Street, dealers said. The Tokyo stock exchange had been closed Tuesday for a national holiday. The market average lost 41.35 points Wednesday to close at 8,663.04 compared with the record 8,704.39 points on Monday. Share prices of big names such as Hitachi and Sony fell as investors sold out to take profits after the rises of recent days. Foreign investors emerged as sellers and stock analysts said this disappointed dealers at major Japanese securities houses who bought shares last Monday to sell to foreigners.

## Arab shipping boosts profits

BAHRAIN (R) — The United Arab Shipping Company's profits rose almost 10 per cent in 1982 to \$42.3 million, the company's general director Mr. Abdul Aziz Salat said Wednesday. The official Saudi Press Agency quoted Mr. Salat as saying the company would pay a five per cent dividend to its shareholders — the governments of Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Bahrain, Qatar, Iraq and the United Arab Emirates.

## British Airways announces profit

LONDON (R) — State-owned British Airways (B.A.) Wednesday announced a return to profitability, reporting a net gain of £72 million (\$113 million) for the last financial year. The figure, following stringent economies, compared with a loss of £118 million (\$185 million) for the previous year. B.A. chairman Sir John King told a news conference the airline's total revenue for the 12 months ending March 31 last was £2,497 million (\$3,920 million).

## Zambia cuts fuel prices

LUSAKA (R) — Zambia reduced petrol and diesel fuel prices by about eight per cent Wednesday, the official Zambia News Agency reported. It quoted Mr. James Mapoma, director-general of Parastatal Zimco which controls the marketing of petroleum products in Zambia as saying the measure was intended to pass on to the consumer the benefits of recent OPEC (Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries) price reductions. Mr. Mapoma said a litre of regular grade petrol would cost 92 ngwee (75 cents) from Wednesday compared with the current price of one Kwacha (84 cents). Diesel fuel and premium petrol would be reduced by similar margins.

## Belgium cuts key discount rate

BRUSSELS (R) — Belgium is cutting its key discount rate from 10 to 9.5 per cent Thursday, the first time it has been in single figures since October 1979. The National Bank said Wednesday the cut was possible because the franc was healthy and there was abundant liquidity on international markets. Foreign exchange dealers had been in two minds whether the rate would come down, in view of the Dutch decision earlier this week to go against the trend toward lower interest rates by raising their bank rate by one point to 4.5 per cent. However, the National Bank said the gap between Belgian and other interest rates was still large enough to justify a cut.

## Arab firm to invest in agriculture

ABU DHABI (OPECNA) — A \$5 billion Arab-financed agricultural company is being set up to implement a food security programme in Sudan and Egypt, it was reported here. The company will be 50 per cent financed by businessmen from the United Arab Emirates, Saudi Arabia, Qatar, Oman and Egypt, while the balance will be raised through public subscription. The move comes at a time when the Arab World, which imports more than 50 per cent of its food requirements, is considering the idea of an Arab Common Market to promote self-sufficiency. Following a call at the annual conference of Arab chambers of commerce and industry, held in Sudan, the more prosperous Arab countries are expected to look more favourably on investing in agricultural projects.

## Peanuts



## Mutt 'n' Jeff



## Andy Capp



## W. German jobless rate drops sharply

BONN (R) — Government optimism that an economic recovery is under way in West Germany was boosted Wednesday by official figures showing a sharp fall in unemployment last month and improved new industrial orders.

Unemployment dropped by 133,000 to 2.25 million — 9.2 per cent of the workforce — in April, the federal labour office reported.

It was the second successive steep monthly fall since a 2.54 million record (10.4 per cent) in February.

The figures were announced as Chancellor Helmut Kohl, who campaigned in March's general election under the slogan "vote for the upturn," told parliament: "The upturn has started."

Labour office President Josef Stigl said after seasonal adjustments the underlying trend in the jobless figures was still moving upwards but more slowly than in the previous month.

West German industry's new orders in March rose by one per

cent over the previous month, domestic demand leading the way with a two per cent growth rate, the economics ministry said.

It said the rise in new orders, an early indicator of economic trends, was encouraging, particularly as it confirmed that there had been no collapse in demand after the expiry of a government investment bonus scheme at the end of 1982.

Industry feared the scheme would make firms place orders ahead of schedule to qualify for the bonus, after which demand would drop off sharply.

The economics ministry also reported that industrial production in March remained steady.

On Monday the country's five leading economic institutes said West Germany was experiencing a real upturn and not just a false start.

They said the economy would grow by around 0.5 per cent this year after shrinking 1.1 per cent in 1982.

## UAE ups petrol prices by 32%

ABU DHABI (R)

The United Arab Emirates (UAE) raised petrol prices by 32 per cent Wednesday, but an official source at the oil ministry said the government was considering how to exempt its citizens from the increase.

The firm is demanding advance payment from garage owners and has embargoed deliveries of petrol and diesel fuel to garages on previous supplies, officials said.

They said the corporation had not received a budgeted government subsidy since Jan. 1 and was itself in arrears of about 40 million dirhams (\$110 million) to the local electricity company.

In Dubai, long queues formed at the few petrol stations still open and policemen were called in to sort out the chaos.

## YOUR DAILY Horoscope

from the Carroll Righter Institute

FORECAST FOR THURSDAY, MAY 5, 1983

GENERAL TENDENCIES: A day when you can express goodwill and are able to get together and work out personal problems with others. Make a point to maintain self-control and understanding of others.

ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) You may feel sluggish early in the day but later can make up for lost time and accomplish a great deal. Be sensible.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20) New projects appeal to you but they need more study before you jump into them. New contacts yield fine benefits now.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 21) Make sure you carry through with promises made and you gain fine benefits from them. Show more affection for loved one.

MOON CHILDREN (June 22 to July 21) You may not agree with the ideas of an associate, but think them over carefully for a better appraisal.

LEO (July 22 to Aug. 21) Improving your surroundings now can add to your comfort and pleasure. Take time to improve your appearance. Be logical.

VIRGO (Aug. 22 to Sept. 22) Express your finest talents and gain the support of higher-ups. Don't waste time with persons who have selfish interests.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) Study home conditions and clarify any problems there in a friendly fashion. Make your life as you want it to be.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) Make it a point to contact persons who can give the advice you need to make greater progress in career matters.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Ideal day to handle monetary affairs and increase your security in the future. Give more attention to close ties.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20) You can easily make an excellent impression on others at this time. Accept social invitations and dress in good taste.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19) Think over your ideas for the future and make plans to profit by them. Consult an expert for advice you need.

PISCES (Feb. 20 to Mar. 20) Good time to get together with friends and make mutual plans for the future. Take no chances with one who opposes you.

IF YOUR CHILD IS BORN TODAY . . . he or she could be easily spoiled, so teach your progeny to stand on own two feet and make the most of the talents in this chart. Would do well in the field of entertainment. Teach to set a goal and then to follow through.

"The Stars impel, they do not compel." What you make of your life is largely up to you!

FORECAST FOR FRIDAY, MAY 6, 1983

GENERAL TENDENCIES: You need to be careful that you are not too fixed and determined in your viewpoints today and tonight or you could encounter more trouble than you had hoped for.

ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) Don't be forceful with others who disagree with your views. Come to a better accord with co-workers. Be wise.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20) Listening to suggestions of associates is wise now and be sure to cooperate more with them. Try to be helpful to others.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 21) Schedule your work activities wisely and then carry through with them in a positive manner. Don't waste time.

MOON CHILDREN (June 22 to July 21) You may want to have a good time now, but it's to your best interest to save money now instead of spending it.

LEO (July 22 to Aug. 21) You have to be diplomatic at home today to avoid trouble. Study a new project well before you start to have some flaws.

VIRGO (Aug. 22 to Sept. 22) Be tactful with others so that they don't take their ire out on you. Avoid a tendency to splurge when you can't afford it.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) You have to be careful in the handling of investments and other financial matters to avoid trouble at this time.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) Be more thoughtful of others in going after your aims and avoid unpleasantness. Take steps to improve your health.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Keep personal worries to yourself since others have their own problems to think about. Think constructively.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20) Take advantage of an opportunity coming your way that could give you added income. Strive for happiness.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19) Study new activities that interest you early in the day but don't make decisions until the evening.

PISCES (Feb. 20 to Mar. 20) Put off until tomorrow an activity that is concerned with improving your welfare. Take positive steps to gain your goals.

IF YOUR CHILD IS BORN TODAY . . . he or she will have the ability to solve problems that are difficult for others, so be sure to give as fine an education as you can afford and teach to be objective for best results. The latter years will be most self-satisfying.

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# WORLD

## House vote setback for Reagan

WASHINGTON (R) — A congressional committee has voted to stop shadowy U.S. involvement in fighting in Nicaragua, dealing President Reagan a major setback in his efforts to prop up Central America against leftist forces.

The House of Representatives intelligence committee voted 9-5 Tuesday to cut off all funds for a secret operation Mr. Reagan says is designed to stop the flow of arms from Nicaragua to left-wing guerrillas in El Salvador.

The Senate intelligence committee worked on a similar bill but adjourned without taking any action.

The Reagan administration has

not revealed what it is doing in Nicaragua. But the leftist government in Managua has accused the U.S. of arming and directing an invasion of more than 4,000 rebels from neighbouring Honduras.

Mr. Reagan tacitly acknowledged last week that the U.S. had mounted a secret operation in Nicaragua. He said the aim was to block military supplies from Cuba and the Soviet bloc to guerrillas trying to topple the Washington-backed government in El Salvador.

Mr. Reagan, questioned by reporters Tuesday night at a White House reception for foreign

diplomats, described the House committee vote as irresponsible and vowed to keep fighting in Congress for his Central America policy.

"We are not doing anything wrong in Central America," he said.

Last week, appealing to a joint session of Congress for more U.S. military aid to friendly governments in Central America, Mr. Reagan said the Sandinistas had "imposed a new dictatorship" in Nicaragua and done "everything they can to bring down the elected government of El Salvador."

The House committee bill

would stop the secret U.S. operation but authorise \$80 million over the next two years to help pro-Washington governments in the region block arms flowing to Salvadorean guerrillas.

The bill still has to be approved by the full Congress. Mr. Reagan could veto it but Congress could override such a move with a two-thirds majority in the House and the Senate.

The committee members voted on party lines — all nine Democrats wanting to sever the Nicaragua connection and the five Republicans favouring its continuation.

## Nicaragua claims to hold rightists at bay

MANAGUA (R) — Nicaragua says its troops have blunted an invasion by 1,200 right-wing rebels backed by Honduran soldiers.

The defence ministry said Monday night that the invading force was pinned down one kilometre below the Honduran border 14 kilometres northwest of the town of Jalapa.

Three Nicaraguan soldiers were killed and five wounded in the fighting, the statement said, adding

that the rebels had suffered numerous casualties.

Honduran troops had crossed into Nicaragua to evacuate wounded rebels under the cover of heavy artillery and mortar barrages, it said.

The defence ministry communiqué was the first detailed official combat report on fighting against the 1,200 rebels, alleged by Foreign Minister Miguel d'Escoto to have entered Nic-

aragua on Saturday in an operation masterminded by the U.S. Central Intelligence Agency (CIA).

Monday, Mr. d'Escoto said the fighting was the heaviest on the northern border since the rebel penetration began.

He added a further 1,000 rebels had been trying to cross into Nueva Segovia Province since Saturday. Monday night's defence

ministry communiqué made no mention of the additional 1,000 rights. If they have managed to cross the border it would bring to 4,200 the number of rebels alleged to have moved against leftist Nicaragua from Honduran bases in the last two months.

Nicaragua has said its troops are also fighting 700 rebels who crossed its southern border from bases in Costa Rica.

## U.S. Catholic bishops rebuff Reagan administration

CHICAGO (R) — U.S. Roman Catholic bishops, brushing aside the Reagan administration's plea for a milder stand, have overwhelmingly approved a controversial pastoral letter calling for an end to the nuclear arms race.

After two days of intense debate, the National Conference of Catholic Bishops Monday voted 238 to nine in favour of the letter denouncing nuclear war and urging a halt to the nuclear arms race.

The action by some 275 bishops

from across the United States was seen as a sharp rebuff to the administration, which wanted them to use the word "curb" rather than "halt" in the letter.

The White House had no immediate comment on the vote.

The language finally adopted in the letter, which will serve as a teaching guide for more than 50 million Roman Catholics in the U.S., calls for a halt in the testing, production and deployment of new nuclear weapons.

The bishops, who voted by sec-

ret ballot on the pastoral letter entitled "The Challenge of Peace: God's Promise And Our Response," spent most of Monday and Tuesday fine-tuning and strengthening language in the 155-page, 44,000-word document.

The word "halt" appeared in the first and second drafts, but at the urging of the Reagan administration, the five bishops drawing up the letter substituted the word "curb" in a third draft.

But on Monday the conference overwhelmingly adopted an ame-

ndment restoring "halt".

At the same time, the bishops tried to soften the political impact of the wording by inserting a footnote which read in part: "... We have chosen our own language... not wanting either to be identified with one specific proposal or to have our words used against specific political measures."

The bishops did not condemn the use of nuclear weapons at all times, in all situations, but they approved a "no first use" clause.

## Abducted relief workers in Tigray not freed yet

NAIROBI (R) — Guerrillas fighting the Ethiopian government have spoken of plans to hold 10 foreign aid workers they abducted last month for between three and six weeks, a senior official of one of the aid organisations involved said Wednesday.

Hugh Mackay, overseas director of the British Save The Children Fund charity, told Reuters by telephone from Addis Ababa that he got this impression after meeting Tigray Peoples Liberation Front (TPLF) officials last week in Sudan.

The guerrillas, who want to oust Mengistu Haile Mariam's military government in Ethiopia, abducted the 10 aid workers, seven of them women, when they seized control of the northern town of Korem last month.

Mr. Mackay said guerrilla spokesmen promised him that the group would not be harmed but would not tell him where or when

## GOREN BRIDGE

BY CHARLES GOREN

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### STRANGE BID—HAPPY RESULT

North-South vulnerable.

West deals.

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**SOUTH**

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♦ 6

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The bidding:

West North East South

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Pass Pass Pass

Opening lead: Six of ♠.

Just a quick report from the World Championships at Biarritz. At the end of the qualifying stage of the Open Pairs, my partner, Paul Chemla of Paris, and I were lying sixth. Not bad, when you consider that all the best players in the world are assembled here.

This hand helped us considerably. I must apologize for Paul's one no trump opening bid. But then, you know him and are used to his little idiosyncrasies. Naturally, I thought that we had at least one 5-3 or better fit in a major suit, and we had a conven-

tion to find out which was our best spot. My jump to four diamonds said that I want to play game in one of the major suits. In the expectation that his partner would be making the opening lead, West made a lead-directing double. Since Paul had no preference in the major suits, he passed and I opted to bid four hearts, which ended the auction.

This was perhaps not a very elegant contract, but as the cards lay, only the lead of the king of clubs would defeat it—I would not have been able to avoid losing two hearts, and a club and a spade if the defenders did not slip, since I had no quick entry to my hand for the diamond finesse. But West chose to lead a heart, and I had no problem. Everything was lying right and the suits broke most benevolently.

East won the ace and returned a low heart. I finessed the jack successfully, cashed the king to draw the remaining trumps and then took a diamond finesse. When that worked, I discarded a club on the ace of diamonds and started on spades. That suit also broke evenly, so I ended up with an overtrick and a top score on the board.

Will keep you in touch with what's going on here.

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Police said a young man and woman fired seven shots at Prof. Gino Giugni, 56, before escaping. Doctors who operated on him said his condition was satisfactory.

An organization calling itself the Communist Party combatants

claimed responsibility in an anonymous telephone call to a Rome newspaper. Police said the group appeared to be an offshoot of the Red Brigade urban guerrillas.

Prof. Giugni, a socialist university professor and an adviser to the labour ministry for 20 years, was a leading architect of a labour agreement this year which restricted inflation-linked pay increases for workers.

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The British Council wishes to announce that as the examinations of the Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music will be taking place at the British Council Centre, there will be no artistic or cultural programme for members during May.

## THE BRITISH COUNCIL

### المجلس الثقافي البريطاني

## Khmer Rouge attacks Phnom Penh suburb

PHNOM PENH (R) — Fifteen people were killed and more than 30 seriously injured during a recent guerrilla attack on a crowded market on the outskirts of the Kampuchean capital, foreign medical workers said Wednesday.

The attack at Tagmao, a suburb about 10 kilometres from the centre of Phnom Penh, was the closest to the capital since Kampuchea's former rulers, the Peking-backed Khmer Rouge, were ousted from power in January, 1979, by Vietnamese.

Both governments have emphasized in their propaganda that the new Phnom Penh administration was in complete control of the countryside and Kampuchea's towns.

Foreign doctors mainly from Eastern Europe and Cuba who staff Phnom Penh's hospitals, said the attack on April 16 was made with at least two grenades, thrown into Tagmao market.

By striking deep into Kampuchea and hitting the outskirts of its capital, the communist Khmer Rouge put their rivals off balance.

The security scare was reflected in arrangements for more than 30 Western, Soviet bloc, Japanese and South East Asian journalists who were brought to Phnom Penh to witness Vietnam's latest partial troop pullout.

Some diplomats suggested that the guerrillas might have decided to use riot tactics to unsettle the Vietnamese.

The Vietnamese-backed government in Phnom Penh has not acknowledged that the blast took place and it went unreported except for a brief mention on the Khmer Rouge's clandestine China-based radio, monitored in Bangkok.

Armed guards prevented them from leaving their compounds and they were forbidden to make their own way around the city unaccompanied. They were ordered to travel only in government organised tour buses.

## NEWS IN BRIEF

### Greens disrupt Kohl's speech

BONN (R) — Deputies from the radical ecologist Greens Party disrupted West German Chancellor Helmut Kohl's policy speech to parliament Wednesday by unfurling a banner beside the podium. Greens leader Petra Kelly and another woman deputy raised the red banner attacking the conservative-led Bonn government's support for United States policy in Central America. "Support for the USA in Nicaragua means shared guilt for the death of Albrecht Pfleider," it said in the reference to the murder of a West German doctor by anti-government guerrillas in the Central American state. The speaker, Rainer Barzel, ordered the banner removed and Dr. Kohl declared to loud applause: "The problems we face cannot be solved with banners."

### U.S. radical allegedly in Bahamas

NEW YORK (R) — A member of a radical group that freed Black Liberation Army leader Joanne Chesimard from prison in 1979 testified Tuesday that she fled to the Bahamas. But Tyrone Rison said the Bahamas was only a stop on the way to Libya, Angola, China or Cuba. He was never told where Chesimard took refuge. A spokesman for the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) said the bureau had no idea where Ms. Chesimard was.

### Muggers harm Moroccan tourism

RABAT (T) — Muggers are harming Morocco's tourist industry, according to the pro-government daily Al Alam. The Moroccan tourist trade had a record year in 1982 with two million visitors who injected 2.1 billion dirhams (about \$36 million) into the economy, according to official figures. But, Al Alam said in an editorial, Moroccan tourism is "dying out" and visitors are often obliged to stay in their hotels or buses for fear of being attacked by hoodlums.

### "Jogging may cause loss of hair"

KUALA LUMPUR (R) — Town joggers trying to lose weight may end up losing their hair, according to a Malaysian hair expert. Car exhaust fumes and industrial pollution causes deterioration of the hair shaft and weakens the hair root, ecology lecturer V.M. Palaniappan told a meeting here.

### Floods kill 78 in Bangladesh

DHAKA (R) — Seventy-eight people have died, 60,000 made homeless and a small town has been covered in water as floods in parts of Bangladesh worsened in the last 24 hours, officials said Wednesday. They said the town of Moulvibazar in the eastern Sylhet district was under one metre of water and residents had sought shelter in camps opened by the local administration. Thousands of people were reported fleeing their homes in Sylhet and the southeastern Comilla district as fresh rains fell.

## THE WEEKEND CROSSWORD

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By Judson G. Trent

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